



Department of Boating and Waterways

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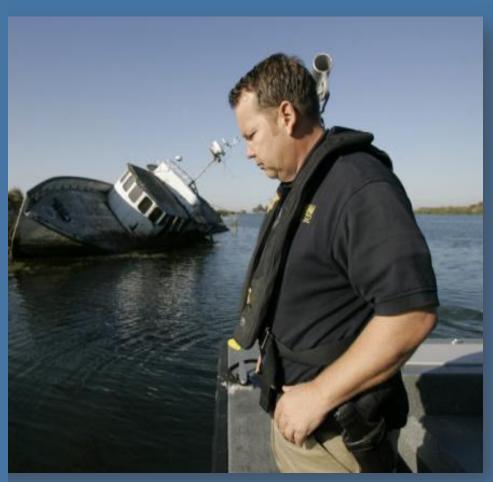


## **Abandoned Vessels**

Increasing on California's waterways

## Abandoned Vessels are a danger to:

- Public safety
- Environment
- Wildlife
- Water supply
- Navigation
- Tourism
- Local businesses and residences
- Resources of state and local governments



Removal is expensive and time consuming for law enforcement and harbormasters

# The Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF)

#### Senate Bill 172 (Statues of 1997)

To provide funding to local public agencies to remove, store and dispose of abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled vessels or any other partially submerged objects which pose a substantial hazard to navigation or a threat to the environment or public safety

- Since 1998, total vessels and hazards removed: 1582
- Total spent: \$4,968,699
- Average cost: \$3100 per issue
- 2012/13 participating agencies: 20

COMMERCIAL VESSELS ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THIS PROGRAM

## What qualifies as an AWAF hazard?



Partially or fully submerged abandoned or wrecked boats, cars or other submerged objects





Abandoned barges, piers and pilings

Floating trees, logs, docks, duck blinds, and other debris

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# Current AWAF 2012/13 Participants

٠	Brisbane Marina, City of Brisbane	\$ 75,000	
•	Channel Islands Harbor, Ventura County	\$ 30,000	
•	Contra Costa County Sheriff's Dept	\$ 75,000	
•	Crescent City Harbor District	\$ 30,000	
•	Los Angeles: Catalina Island (Avalon)	\$ 15,000	
•	Los Angeles: County Sheriff's Dept (Marina Del Rey)	\$ 25,000	
•	Monterey Harbor, City of Monterey	\$ 10,000	
•	Morro Bay Harbor Dept	\$ 8,000	
•	Moss Landing Harbor District	\$ 30,000	
•	Noyo Harbor District		\$ 5,000
•	Port San Luis Harbor District	\$ 75,000	
•	Richardson's Bay Regional Agency (Marin County)	\$ 75,000	
•	San Diego Unified Port District	\$ 30,000	
•	San Francisco: Port of San Francisco	\$ 50,000	
•	San Mateo: Oyster Point Harbor	\$ 40,000	
•	San Mateo: Pillar Point Harbor	\$ 40,000	
•	Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept	\$ 12,000	
٠	Santa Cruz Port District	\$ 10,000	
•	Vallejo Municipal Marina	\$ 60,000	
•	Ventura Port District		\$ 5,000

# State Further Addressing the Abandoned Vessel Problem with...

## **Vessel Turn-In Program (VTIP)**

A pro-active program designed to reduce and prevent abandoned vessels

## How VTIP works...

Verified titleholder can willingly surrender a vessel, free of charge, to a participating agency



Owner is responsible for all outstanding debts, fees, rents, leases, or taxes owed before boat will be accepted

#### **Facts about VTIP**

- AB 166 established a three-year pilot program in 2010; sunsets 1/1/2014
- SB 122 (Lieu) introduced in January 2013 to extend VTIP indefinitely
- Funding comes from AWAF
- Annual budget of \$150K
- Only public local agencies can apply for VTIP grants
- 10% in-kind match required
- Increased from six to eleven participating agencies in 2012
- Grant requests in 2012 exceeded available funds by 73%
- Helping to prevent costly abandoned vessels

# Current VTIP 2012/13 Participants

•	CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$ 30,000
•	LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$ 10,000
•	MONTEREY HARBOR, CITY OF MONTEREY	\$ 10,000
•	MORRO BAY HARBOR DEPARTMENT	\$ 7,000
•	PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT	\$ 25,000
•	RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY (Marin)	\$ 16,000
•	SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT	\$ 10,000
•	SAN FRANCISCO: PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO	\$ 20,000
•	SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT	\$ 10,000
•	SANTA CRUZ PORT DISTRICT	\$ 7,000
•	VENTURA PORT DISTRICT	\$ 5,000

## AWAF vs. VTIP Comparisons

#### <u>AWAF</u>

 Total Funds Expended since 2010

\$1 Million

- Hazards Removed
   251
- Average Cost Per Vessel\$4,165

#### <u>VTIP</u>

 Total Funds Expended since 2010

\$267,000

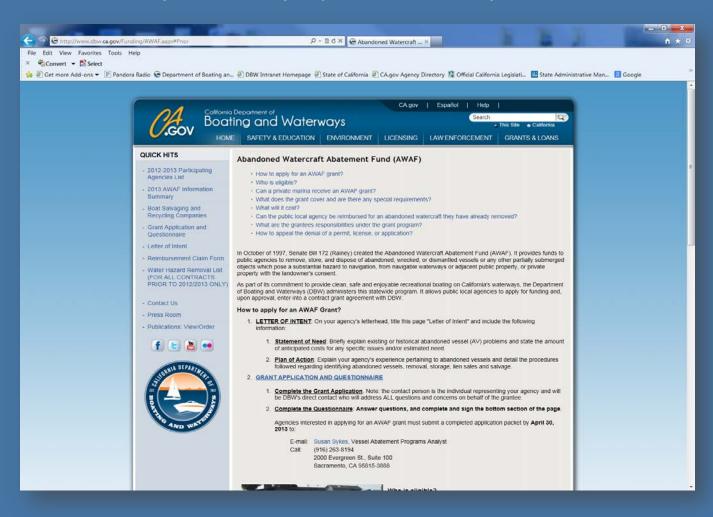
- Hazards Removed165
- Average Cost Per Vessel\$1,600

# The Need is Growing

	AWAF	VTIP
2011/12 FY Budget	\$500,000	\$100,000
2012/13 FY Budget	\$700,000	\$150,000
Budget Increase in '12	40%	50%
Agency Grant Requests for 2012/13	\$1,134,000	\$260,000
Shortfall	\$434,000	\$110,000

# How to Apply

- > Applications are due by 4/30
- Grant amounts are based on agency's "estimate of need"
- Grants are normally available by September of each year



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